

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

W.P.No.22292 of 2006

Date:30.04.2007

Between:

Halavathu Pathya and others.

-----PETITIONERS

AND

The District Forest Officer and others.

-----RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

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The petitioners contend that they are the owners of different extents of land in R.S.Nos.23-2C, 26 and 24/1 of Namavaram Village, Chintalapudi Mandal, West Godavari District. They further contend that the respondents are interfering with the possession over their lands by alleging that they are part of reserve forest. The petitioners state that they never encroached into any forest land and

the interference by the respondents is totally unjustified.

On behalf of the respondents, a detailed counter-affidavit is filed. It is stated that they never interfered with the possession of the petitioners over the lands in the survey numbers referred to above and that their interest is only to protect the neighbouring forest.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Pleader for Forests.

The petitioners allege that the respondents are interfering with their possession over their patta lands. The fact that the respondents have flatly denied the averment in the counter-affidavit, is taken note of. With that, the grievance of the petitioners virtually pales into insignificance. It hardly needs any emphasis that it shall be open to the respondents to protect the forest, duly respecting the boundaries thereof.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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